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### **December 1 Grain Stocks**

Idaho's December 1, 2005 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 56.7 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's 51.5 million bushels, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm storage was estimated at 24.5 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year's 28.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 32.2 million bushels, up 37 percent from December 1, 2004. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 52.7 million bushels, up 26 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 23.0 million bushels, unchanged from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 29.7 million bushels, up 57 percent from last year's 18.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2005, was estimated at 1.43 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 513 million bushels, down 3 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 917 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 208 million bushels, down 15 percent from December 1, 2004. On-farm stocks are estimated at 104 million bushels, 21 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 104 million bushels, are 9 percent below December 2004. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 95.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on hand December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks on hand, 60.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down slightly from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 35.6 million bushels, down 20 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 9.81 billion bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks, 6.33 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, and the change from December 1, 2004 are: dry edible peas, 6.40 million cwt, down 17 percent; lentils, 3.08 million cwt, up 17 percent; Austrian winter peas, 280,000 cwt, up 23 percent; All chickpeas, 608,000 cwt, up 35 percent; small chickpeas, 92,000 cwt, up 80 percent; and large chickpeas, 516,000 cwt, up 29 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

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